By providing comprehensive traffic and weather reports 24/7, XM provides a unique service that no local station comes close to. In contrast to local commercial stations, the reports on XM are not time limited; they expand to give every detail, and they are available around the clock, even on weekends. This service is invaluable. No other source is as complete, accurate, and readily available.

This is a paid subscription service. I don't believe the NAB should have any say in what I elect to listen to by paid subscription. Clearly they are feeling the competition, because they provide an inferior service. Their motivation is purely profit motivated, with no regard for the interest of the public.

To force XM to discontinue this service would clearly be contrary to the public interest. I urge you to strongly reject te NAB's petition 04-160.